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	C	ONCERNING A FILING UN	DER 35 U.S.C. 371								
		IONAL APPLICATION NO. 004/018435	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 3, 2003								
TITLE OF INVENTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE METHOD, METHOD FOR PRODUCING DEVICE, AND OPTICAL PART											
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Hiroyuki NAGASAKA et al.											
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:											
1.		This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.									
2.	\boxtimes	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.									
3.		This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.									
4.		The US has been elected (Article 31).									
5.		A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))									
		a. is attached hereto (required)	a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).								
		b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.									
		c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).									
6.		An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))									
•		a. is attached hereto.									
À		b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).									
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7 .		Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))									
		a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).									
		b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.									
		c. \square have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.									
		d. have not been made and will not be made.									
8.		An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).									
9.	\boxtimes	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).									
10.		An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).									
Items	s 11 t	o 20 below concern document(s)	or information included:								
11.	\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Stateme	ent under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.								
12.		An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.									
13.		A preliminary amendment.									
14.		An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.									
15.		A substitute specification.									
16.	\boxtimes	A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.									
17.		A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.									
18.		A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).									
19.		A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).									
20.	\boxtimes	Transmittal of Power of Attorney.									

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PATENT APPLICATION

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TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Power of Attorney from the Assignee.

In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that NIKON CORPORATION is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto and is concurrently being submitted for recordation.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.36(a), submission of this Power of Attorney revokes any powers of attorney previously given.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NO. 25944, TELEPHONE (703) 836-6400.

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